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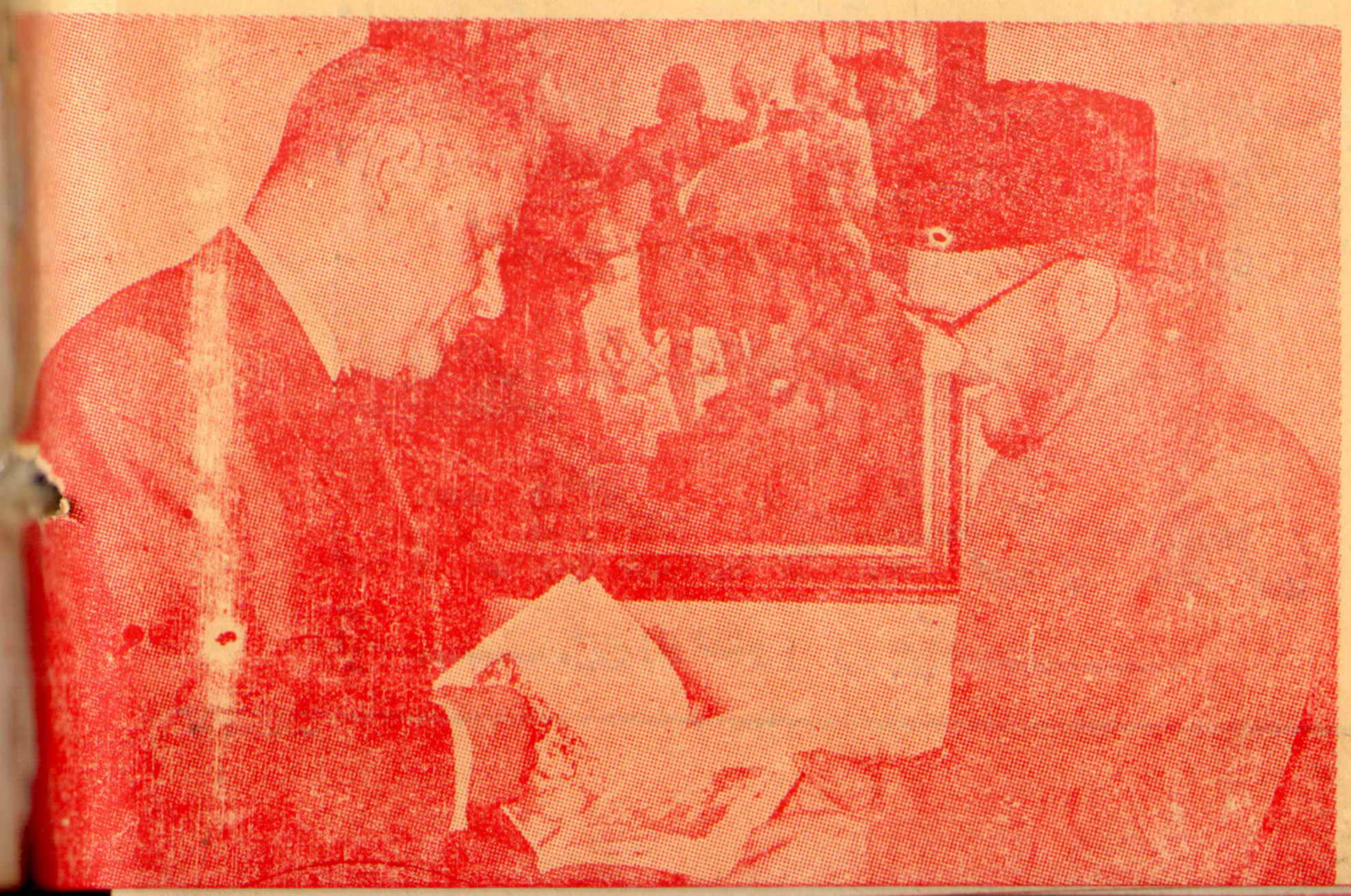

His Excellency the Ambassador of France in Mauritius Mr. R. Touze is having a look at the Africa Speaks.

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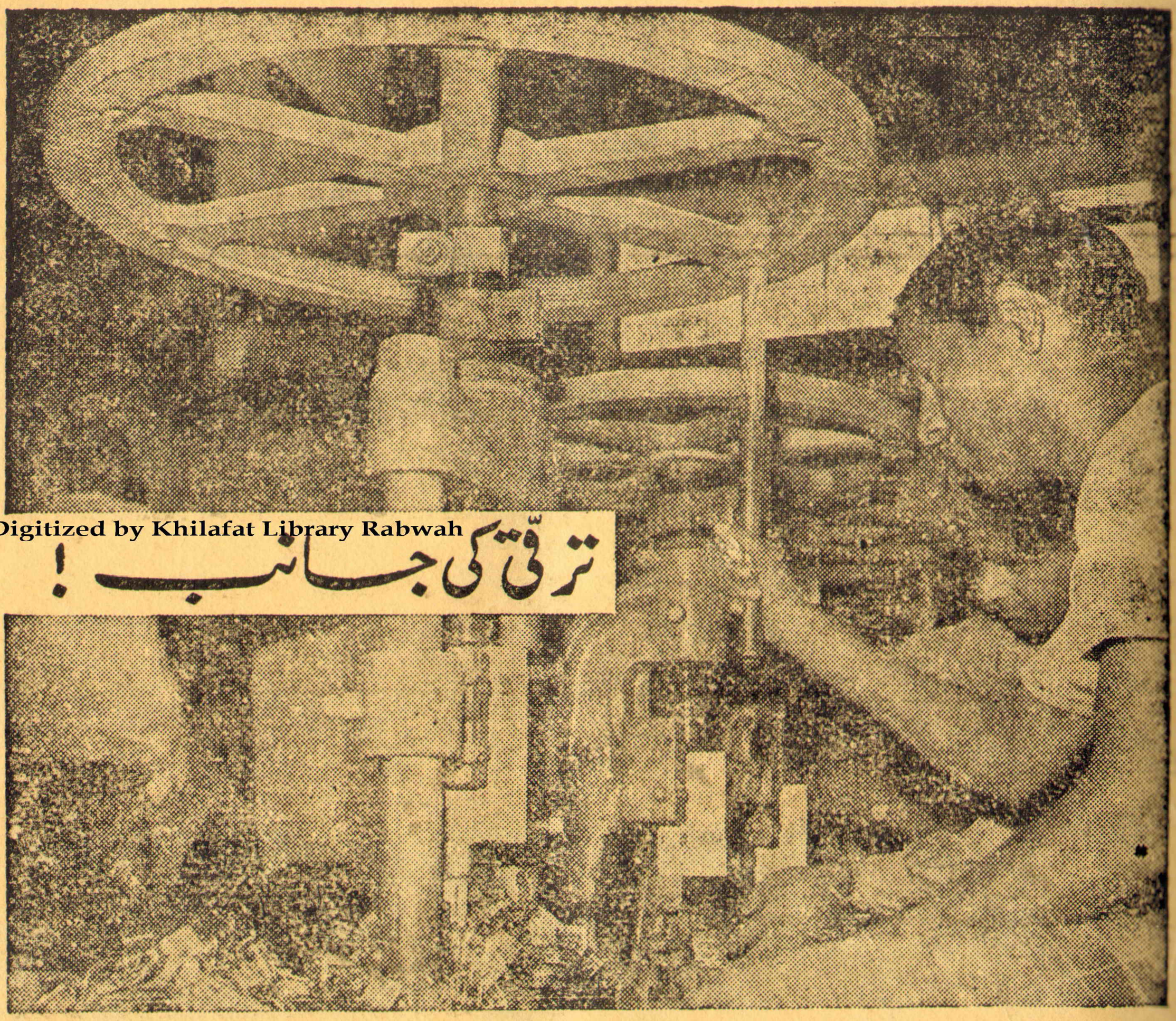

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The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says; "When the cruelty and torture by the enemies against the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, and his followers reached the extreme limits, and when very sincere followers of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, both men and women, were martyred and when the enemy had chased the Holy Prophet upto Medina, the Muslims were commanded to defend themselves. It was not the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, who started the use of the sword-the sword was first wielded by the enemy. There were occasions when the Holy Prophet had blood flowing from head to toe, due to the torture by the cruel enemy but he did not counter-attack them. The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, made use of the sword only when the cruel treatment of the non-believers had touched the limits and that was nothing but selfdefence—and self defence is not a crime in any civilised government. Even the penal code of India (This passge was written more than 70 years ago) permits self defence. If a thief breaks into the house and he attacks the owner of the house with an intent to kill him, it is not a crime for the owner of the house to kill such a thief, in his self defence

So, when the sincere and loyal followers were being martyred and weak Muslims were being put to death with torture and in shameful manner, the enemy had become deserving of punishment. If God had willed at that time that Islam be wiped out of the world, then of course there would have been no mention of the sword but what He really willed was that Islam should spread in the world and it should become a source of deliverance of the human beings. That is why the sword had to be resorted to. I say it emphatically that the use of sword at that time was neither religiously nor morally objectionable. Even those who tell others to turn the other cheek when one receives a slap, cannot show patience nor can those be patient who consider even the killing of insects a sin. Whey is them Islam made a target of adverse criticism.

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SERVING THE NATION

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In view of the fact that the country was passing through a state of emergency and everybody was busy in helping the nation to overcome the difficult situation and to win the war Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III announced on Friday the 3rd of December (The Tahrik-i-Jadid had already been printed otherwise it would have been announced in the last issue) that the Annual Jalsa would not be held this year. He in his sermon advised all the members of the Jamaat to keep themselves busy in whatever they were doing to help the nation. He further said, "We will insha-Allah hold our Jalsa after the Emergency is over and God has provided us with a chance to rejoice over our victory in the war.

He also advised every member of the community to be fervently praying for success through help of God.

This sermon of his was in continuation of the last Friday's sermon which mentioned the battle of Ahzab. He remarked that in the light of the Holy Quran, we believe that even the means and materials cannot be of any use if the help of God does not come for everything is in His control and unless he commands a thing to act, it can do nothing. God has promised the Muslim nation that He would help them despite the fact that the enemy might be in large numbers and more resourceful ; but this help is conditioned with their being righteous and pious.

What is required of us, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said, is "that we—the whole nation should turn to God and act righteously ; we should also continue to pray to God that He may make us the inheritors of all the blessings which He has promised to the true followers of the Holy Prophet, Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him.

The Signs of Times, April 1971 (an out and out Christian religious magazine —says : "Jesus didn't get married. We dont know why, but we can suggest some possible reasons.) He knew he would die young, which would mean, if he married leaving a widdow and perhaps orphans. Think, too, how people would have regarded his children—sons of the son of God. Quite likely they would have wanted to worship them.

"Energetic, intelligent courteous, interested in people, Jesus undoutedly made hearts beat in a lot of girls when he was a Teen-ager, he experice normal human feelings, undoutedly nice looking girls looked good to him. We just don't know. We do know that he controlled himself in view of the purpose of his life".

News of the World, August, 1971, says "Jesus was married".

"Anew theory that Jesus Christ was married and possibly the father of several children is being advanced in a 1.00 page book written by a million aire archeologist.

"The author Dr. Wendell Phillips, aged 49 employed some of the world's leading theologians on research for his book which has taken him eight years to write. And his conclusions will shock and offend many religions people.

For, Dr. phillips, who, give or take a few oilfields, is worth more than 100 million, discounts the traditional picture of Jesus.

"He was a strong, virile man, attractive to women and interested in them", he said. "They were his first followers and his last. They were also his most constant and faithful followers.

The News of the World further says : 'He (Phillips) has studied the Bible, the dead sea scroles and ancient manuscripts and is convinced that Jesus was aged about 48 when crucified and not in his thirties.

"In the Gospel of John, possibly the most historical of the Gospels, Jesus is described as being 'not yet 50'. If he had been in his early thirties the writer would not have used such a phrase", claimed Dr. Phillips.

"Of Jesus's marriage he suggests ; "It's very likely he was betrothed at an early age as was his father, Joseph. It was the Jewish custom at the time. Men were supposed to be fruitful and multiply.

"An early tradition suggests that Mary Magdala wrongly called Mary Magdalen was his wife. This may be untrue but they were very close. They must have been for her to wash his feet and dry them on her hair. His wife and possibly his children could have died of fever or something similar before he began his ministry.

As for the author of the book—An explorer's life of Jesus—*The News of the World* says "Dr. Philips is the founder and president of the American foundation for the study of Man and professor of Archaeology at the University of Wyoming. Who says ? "I believe devoutly in Jesus and I have tried to write a scholarly book which will interest not only theologians but the ordinary man in the street."

Answering the question. "Must I believe in the trinity, "Mr. Mervyn Maxwell of the sign of Times says : we are invited believe in the father, Son and Holy spirit (Matthew 28 : 18-20), but the formula, "Three persons in one substance," does not occur in the Bible. It was first composed by one of the church fathers 200 years after Christ ascended upto heaven. As a matter of fact, just now the father, son, and Holy Ghost can each be God and yet there be only one God is nowhere explained in scripure. If God wanted us to accept any particular view I am sure the Bible would be clear on the matter.

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(Signs of the Times, April 1971)

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Nation exhorted to take heart

يايها الذين آمنوا اذكروا نعمة الله عليكم
اذ جاءتكم جنود فارسلنا عليهم ريحاً
وجنوداً لم تروها و كان الله بما تعملون
بصيراً . اذ جاءوكم من فوقكم ومن اسفل
منكم و اذ زاغت الابصار و بلغت القلوب
الحناجر وتظنون بالله الظنونا . هنالك
ابتلى المؤمنون و زلزلوا زلزالاً شديدا .
(الاحزاب : ١٠ تا ١٢)

"ولقد كانوا عاهدوا الله من قبل لا
يولون الادبار وكان عهد الله مسئولا .
قل لن ينفعكم الفرار ان فررتم من الموت
او القتل و اذا لاتمتعون الا قليلا . قل
من ذا الذى يعصمكم من الله ان اراد بكم
سوءاً او اراد بكم رحمة ولا يجدون لهم
من دون الله ولياً ولا نصيرا ."
(الاحزاب : ١٦ تا ١٨)

" ولا تهنوا ولا تحزنوا وانتم الاعلون
ن كنتم مومنين "
(آل عمران: ١٤٠)

"ام يقولون نحن جميع منتصر . سيهزم
الجمع و يولون الدبر "
(القمر : ٤٥ - ٤٦)

"The subject in hand is very extensive and my health is not too good but exigencies of the moment call for its early treatment. I am therefore broaching it today and if Allah, the Glorious, willing, its details will be taken in hand in the next address or the following addresses as Allah, the Magnificent, would be pleased to direct.

In the verses I have just recited we have been given the basic teaching that at times such circumstances do arise as they arose in the career of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be with him) when all worldly devices run out, there remaining no material means within reach, the enemy mounting attacks from all sides, hemming in a group or a state of Muslims in an encircling movement. In the absence of visible resoures the hypocrisy of the two-timer and excellence of the believer and of his faith stand out clearly. Allah, the Supreme, says that even in such a situation He has provided for us an example in the life of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (may blessings of Allah and His peace ever abide with him) when the tribes of Arabia in alliance with the Chiefs of Mecca crowded on Medina in the hope of so ashing it to smithreens. The battle that preceded the Confederates' attack some 1500 Muslims had joined it. When two years later the infidels laid seige to Medina, the total force of Muslims including the hypocrites numbered some 3000. At the time of the battle at Uhd a little over 300 hypocrites had defected; hardly all of them could have turned up. It is therefore understandable that on the occasion of the Confederates' battle of the 3000 Muslims who, in answer to the call of the Holy Prophet (blessings of Allah and His

Reciting the above verses, the Khalifa-tul Masih III observed in an address to members on Friday, November 26, 1971 (Nabuvvat 26, 1350)

peace be with him), mustered in the open field, some 500 to 600 were hypocrites, thus leaving a force of some 2500 devoted Muslims gathered under the banner of the Holy Prophet (peace of Allah and His blessingsbe on him). The infidel force numbered 10,000 and represened all the chief tribes of Arabia concentrated under the lead of Mecca to crush and wipe out the Muslims from the very face of the earth.

Muslims were faced with other trials besides this. They were short of supplies. The weather was unbearably cold and they did not have proper clothes to stand it. In short, the situation was so critical that it was generally believed that Islam and Muslims were on their last legs and that the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, would suffer such crushing loss that his whole movement would collapse. People gossiped. They even created mischief to wreck morale. They, in short, did all they could. But the believer who had seen the living signs of the power of his Lord and believed with true knowledge and insight in His attributes, was proof against these things. He knew that even in such a crisis the Lord Almighty who suffers from no drawback and defect cannot be rendered powerless to honour His promises; that the word that He had given shall come true. And He had made the promise that whenever emergencies like the Confederates' offensive arise, when eyes will become petrified and hearts will be seen to burst out through the throats from the bodies, He, the Lord of Glory, shall make good His word and the faithful shall prevail. This is so because God, the Sublime, has said it, the only condition being that the believer should be truly faithful. No hostile force can then ever succeed against him.

The Holy Quran has placed the verse ولكم في رسول الله اسوة حسنه "Truly, for you in the Prophet of Allah is a beautiful example" in the context of the reference to the Confederates' offensive. In fact, the condederates' aggression represents to us a state of utter lack of material means and worldly resources. Here the spectacle of the comeliness of the believer's faith projects itself to our view. I would go into its details later as I said before. We have been advised as a matter of basic importance, not to lose heart whenever such emergencies arise and never to depend on anyone other than Allah, the Overlord, in such situations, nor to look to the left nor to the right but keep looking ahead. This is the straight way that leads to the precincts of God, the Illustrious; nor ever to worry at such a time about lack of rifles, guns, or fleet, or aircraft—this does not mean there is a total absence of military hardware; it only means scarcity of means in comparison to the arms the enemy has. Only remember at that hour that if all the aircraft of the whole world were acquired and all the fleets of the globe were assembled together and atom bombs and hydrogen bombs were ready to set their sights on the targets and another front was planned all with the other conventional arms of the whole world, they would all with their comulative power, be of no consequence against the Almighty Domineering Lord.

Victory is not won because of numbers or resources. It is won by the Command of Allah, the Supreme. In world war II Hitler and his cohorts commanded immense means. The Allies were shy of fighting him. They did not put their faith in God, the Magnificent. They had some quality which Allah, the Sublime, appreciated but we did not sense. Perhaps mankind was bound to suffer more at the hands of Hitler than at the hands of the armies of his adversaries. There-

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fore Allah, the Excellent, granted victory to the one who foreboded less evil and thwarted the party that would have hurt more. These angles are in the knowledge of God alone. We have no knowledge of their veiled aspects. Allah, the most High, has given us sense; we can make some conjectures. But true knowledge really belongs to Allah, the Great.

Here the nation of Islam is addressed and the point that is noteworthy is the remembrance of Allah, the Glorious, and His person and faith in His attributes without intent to deceive Him, for, He is the All-knowing and cannot be cheated. In the above verses it has been said that God, the Supreme, helped Muslims because He is the Seer, He knows how you act. If your behaviour is good and according to His law, the Islamic legislation, His promises will be substantiated and no power of the world shall interdict. But if one wants to commit suicide and elects to disregard God, the Sublime, he has little ground for complaint against God, the Supreme. He cannot be blamed for the faults of man.

In fine, the emergency prevailing in our country has striking resemblance with the circumstances surrounding the Confederates' war, only it has not yet reached its extreme rigours. One part of Pakistan has been totally encircled, the other wing is almost encircled. War is being waged in one and about the other India is reported to have said today that Pakistan should abandon its aggrieved party stand on pain of facing further aggression from India.

Now how would the aggrieved manage to give up this position? I ask. Only India can change that situation by desisting from aggression. Then Pakistan won't stay aggrieved. Presently Pakistan is only exercising its right of self-defence. Pakistan did not attack India. Pakistan did not try to create unrest in India. India tried subversion in Pakistan. India helped the rebels and for a time misled the world into believing that the rebels were right and that Pakistan had not played fair to them and they were therefore fighting for their rights and that by and by the rebel loses his balance. The foreign press and BBC and other broadcasting media were impressed and raised a hue and cry that Pakistan was unfair to some of its citizens.

How is Pakistan oppressing its own citizens? They are our brethren and dearer to us than our own lives. How can we ever be unfair to them? We shall battle the mischief and distemper that India has fostered and combat the rebelliousness and the trend it has created in a small section of the people. For the conscience of the world, its moral laws, its civil laws and its religious laws do not give a free rope to the rebel to do as he pleases. One who is guilty of treason must suffer the penalties of treason and the good citizen must enjoy all his rights. The rebel deserves to be proscribed and his mischief halted.

India made a lot of fuss in the world and mounted big propaganda. Foreign press turned against us. Even foreign governments were under the impression that Pakistan was responsible for the whole trouble. But from the last few days the eyes of the world have been opened. Our government did well in taking foreign press correspondents to the front to show them the dead bodies the Indian invaders had left behind, to see for themselves whether they were those of the Mukti Bahini or of certain Indian army brigades and divisions, and also see for themselves their weapons. Now they have started sending in their reports. For instance, BBC (I don't listen in to it; it has been reported to me) would not say one sensible word before. It asked only yesterday how the Mukti Bahini came by aircraft and tanks. It has also said that thousands of Indian troops have trespassed into Pakistani territory and

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were mounting attacks. In a few days it will talk of Indian troops in terms of divisions instead of thousands. Foreign press has also started calling India aggressor and unjust. But you should bear in mind that (God forbid) if the entire population of India were to enter Pakistan say for two minutes with not a single soul remaining on the Indian soil (I am saying this for the sake of supposition, for, such a thing can never be practical) Indra Gandhi would still clamour that not a single Indian had set his foot on the soil of Pakistan.

However we pray for Indra Gandhi and like-minded people for, Islam has not taught us to be maliciously disposed towards any one, that Allah, the Overlord, may grant them the sense to reform their conduct, to steer away from injustices and wrong acts they are perpetrating against our boundaries and disabuse their hearts of the malafide intentions they harbour and harmful measures they take and improper utterances they resort to against us. For, Allah the Magnificent, did not create man to incur His wrath and slide into hell. He created man so that he may become His believing and beneficent servant deserving of His love in this life and in the next. We therefore pray that Allah, the Glorious, may grant them guidance to the right path and work out healthy changes in them and make them worthy of His indulgence so that they should cease to act unjustly against Pakistan and their other neighbors and so that their own society is purged of the element of untouchability resulting in all of them being treated as "human beings" whom all members of the human family are obligated to accord consideration and honour. These are our prayers. May God be pleased to grant them. And it behoves us to honour our resposibilities to which I have already invited attention, that we should not lose heart even when we see no wordly means before us, for, our support, our prop, our helper, our ally, our friend and our guardian is Allah, the Lord of Glory. All the material resources of the world dare not withstand the might of Allah, the Supreme. All these resources are but His servitors.

We should therefore honour our commitments and let not Satan inspire feelings of despair in us. If death faced us at the borders we should with valiance and pleasure advance to meet it eye to eye. For, Allah, the Overlord, has warned us that flight from death shall profit us naught. Therefore, why should we take a course that cannot help us in any way? Allah, the Magnificent, tells us that if we are prepared to court martyrdom no earthly power can kill us. If we succeed we shall stay alive and if we are martyred we stay alive still. He is a madman who regards the martyrs as dead, for, he fancies that life ends in this world. No, it does not end here. Has one who is living in a rotten, smelly, stinking place when removed to a grand edifice where streams flow, suffered a loss by the change? If not, then how come the martyr became the loser and wronged by his transfer from this world of tribulations to the heavens of Divine love? No man dare devise regulations for the love of Allah, the Illustrious.

We can observe regulations with regard to the exterior. We cannot apply them to the internal sphere. This is not our domain. We exercise no power in this respect and Allah, the most High, has not conferred on us any rights in this behalf. The Holy Prophet (blessings of Allah and His peace be with him) has observed that even some prostitutes will be qualified for entry to paradise because of some of their virtuous acts. He also counted some other sinners in this category. For, the gates of paradise are opened by the mercy of Allah, the Excellent, and not by the deeds of man. This point should never be lost sight of.

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The Miracles of Jesus Christ

Some time ago a certain Rev. Osborn came to Nigeria on a preaching mission. He held open meetings in various places and claimed to have healed some of the deaf or dumb through prayers directed to Jesus Christ. On this occasion I issued the following statement through the West Africa Ahmadiyya News Agency:

"Since the arrival of Rev. Osborn in Lagos, I have kept silent to give him ample chance to prove his power of healing and convince Lagos public that his prayers directed to Jesus Christ can heal the deaf and dumb. I knew there could be no better refutation of his claim than his practical failure. I am glad that the public of highly advanced Lagos has realised that Rev. Osborn is only a deluded person who has achieved no measure of success.

"If Rev. Osborn still feels that he can heal the people of their physical infirmities let him arrange a meeting of the religious leaders (Christians and Muslims) and perform his miracles there. As all of us know the Government of the Western Region is seriously concerned over the education of the handicapped children (dumb and deaf) and is collecting data in that respect. We can get some han icapped children from there and invite the officials of the Government also. So that if the miracle is really performed, it may not remain like a light under the bushel. But I can assure the public of Lagos that Rev. Osborn will NEVER take up this challenge. If he takes up the challenge I take upon myself to pay for the booking of Glover Memorial Hall which I suggest as a suitable place for the meeting."

Rev. Osborn did not take up this challenge.

Why do some of the Christians go about with this kind of claims? It is because they are told in the Bible that Jesus healed the deaf and the dumb and that gave him a colour of divinity. They are also told that Jesus raised the ead and walked on the water; he took out devils from men and pushed them into the herd of swine. And so forth and so on. The Christians seem to have concluded therefrom that it is this kind of miracles that prove spiritual status of a 'believer'. They go even beyond that claim that Jesus was the son of God; if he had not been the son of God, they say, he would not have been able to perform these miracles.

We beg to differ with them. We believe that Jesus did not perform physical miracles. Peake's Commentary on the Bible referring to the miracle of giving sight to a man (see chapter 9 of St. John's Gospel) says: The man's recovery of sight is typical of what is going on in the sphere of spiritual enlightenment. The eyes of the unlearned are opened to see. Those who claim the light of educatien, by refusing to obey, have blinded themselves.

All the miracles ascribed to Jesus Christ in the New Testament are mataphors and not hard facts affecting the physical life of the people concerned. In connection with raising the dead, Jesus himself explains to the people that they had not understood the scriptures nor the power of God which raises men to a life of a different order from the present. Please refer to Chapter 12 of St. Mark's Gospel and see verses 18-27. As for the walking on the sea, we are told in the Peake's Commentary that "this involves a display of power over nature which is unlike Jesus. One is tempted to believe that allegory has been materialised here."

As for his healing the sick, we are told that "the Ministry of healing raises many questions. There is first

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the problem of historicity. It cannot be claimed that all stories of miracle recorded in the Gospels are equally well attested. Suspicion and doubt of varying kinds and degrees attach to many of them."

Again, "if it be true that Jesus wrought wondrous cures, the character of some of these cures raises another problem of some difficulty. Many of the stories related of Jesus are stories of the healing of demoniacs, and in some of the cases of the cure of disease the disease is attributed to evil powers." (Please see Peake's Commentary, page 663).

The fact is that all the prophets perform spiritual miracles but as the story travels from one place to the other, the followers of those prophets begin to materialise the spiritual incidents. The kind of miracles performed by Jesus are no strange. They are even mentioned in the Old Testament and are ascribed to other prophets. For example we read in I Kings, chapter 17, that Elijah raised a widow's son. (And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived).

In II Kings, chapter 5, we read: Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and was clean.

An incident of the same type is referred to in St. John's Gospel. There we read: The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before." That shows that in the two cases there was some water into which the man who wanted to be cured had to step.

Again, "Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be boundmen. And Elisha said unto her, what shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house, And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save, a pot of oil .....(read verses 1-7 of chapter 4 of II Kings. This is the miracle of multiplying the widow's oil).

Yet another miracle is mentioned in II Kings. That is one of the swimming of the iron. The relevant verse reads thus: And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim.

As we have said before, the Christians believe that since Jesus was able to perform the miracles which are ascribed to him in the New Testament, he was the son of God or even God himself. We wonder why they do not ascribe the same Divinity to the prophets whose miracles of equal importance with those of Jesus are mentioned in the Old Testament. Is it not clearly the case of an undue exaltation of one man while ignoring others? It certainly is.

But we say that raising the dead and healing the deaf and dumb and giving the sight to the blind and so forth and so on are just allegories materialised. Such physical miracles have never happened, neither in the case of the Hero of the New Testament.

Of course Jesus Christ was a prophet of God and like all other prophets of God he also raised the spiritually dead, and healed the dumb and blind.

Such Christians as endeavour to prove their spiritual powers by trying to show these miracles are deluded men who must be brought to the right knowledge of God and His Powers and the way His powers work through His chosen ones.

In this age of ours when according

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Notes & Comments

Muslim Women In U.K.

Yvonne Thomas in his news inquiry for the Evening Standard (London) Oct. 14, 1971 says, inter alia "Rashed (Maulvi Ataul Mujib Rashed) defends the sect's refusal to mix freely by saying that where do you draw the line? All sorts of unmentionable results may follow. His sect was not, he said, opposed to women going out to work if it were absolutely necessary but social mixing with men was undesirable. Nice girls may read love stories in women's magazines ; they may speak to strange men when it is essential, but they must never have boy friends.

Mr. Rashed looked confident. His flock, after all, is growing. Women paid for the mosque ; they have another four in Britain, and 9000 members. Integration with the community they accept. They desire to learn English. But looking around they reckon their recipe for family life is worth keeping. "A woman's place is at home. "Mr Rashed said. "She is fortunate. She is kept by her husband." At the mention of women's Lib., he smiled.

Founder of Nation

The 95th Birthday Anniversary of the Quid-i-Azam, Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah, was very solemnly observed all over Pakistan. Meetings were held to re-acquaint the people with the life history and the principles of the Quid-i-Azam which led him to success in his arduous task of bringing into existence a new country on the map of the world.

At Rabwah, public meetings were held in all the mosques. The speeches were concluded with prayers to God that He may help the Pakistanis to uplift the nation and make Islam supreme in the world.

The Great Sheikh

The Muslim Spain produced a large number of saints who were also great scholars. One of them, and perhaps he stands at the head of all others, was Hazrat Mohyid Din Ibn-i-Arabi, popularly known as the Great Sheikh (SHEIKH-I-AKBAR) He was born on the 7th day of Ramazan in the year 560 Hijra.

Having received education at the hands of his father and the other learned people of his vicinity, he met Ibn-i-Rushd the great philosopher of his days. Then he was eighteen years old. When he was 38, he left Spain and travelled to Africa and Arabia A year in Egypt, sometime and Damascus, and then he went to Baghdad from where he left for Mecca. There he stayed for 7 years and then visited Iraq and Moosal from where he again returned to Mecca. There he authored a book Fotoohat-i-Makkiya in four volumes. The foreword of this book makes mention of his dream in which he was granted permission by the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God he upon him, to write the book. The book has gained fame all over the world.

For his reformatory writings and actions he was called all sorts of names. He was even dubbed as kafir by the ulema of his days.

It is interesting to note that the great Sheikh believed that nobody could now claim to be a prophet with a new law but as for prophethood without a law and subservient to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, was concerned, it had not been discontinued. He very emphatically said that the prophethood that had been discontinued with the appearance of the Holy Prophet was the prophethood with a new law. None could claim that office now. There could be no law (Shariat) that could add anything

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to the law brought by the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, nor take out of it (i.e. nothing could be taken as obsolete and removable).

The Sheikh also said that what the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, meant by saying that there would be no prophet after him was that nobody would bring a new law after him and that whoever came as a prophet, would serve his (the Holy Prophet's) law and would be subservient to him. In fact it is the law (shariat) on which a seal has been put (that is no change can be effected in it); the prophethood (under the supremacy of the Holy Prophet) continues.

The fact is that the Great Sheikh cleared and clarified many a point of Islamic theory in the light of the knowledge that had been vouchsafed to him by God.

(Mohammad Ajmal Shahid)

Another School.

Maulvi Abdul Wahab bin Adam, Missionary incharge, Kumasi Ahmadiyya Mission reports that the third Ahmadiyya Secondary School, under the Nusrat Jahan Scheme has been formally opened, with the grace of God, at Salaga; the opening ceremony was performed on the 26th of September. One hundred and thirteen students have been admitted to the school and there are five teachers on the staff. Ninetynine percent of the students are Muslims and that has given an added pleasure to the Muslim Community who have always felt deprived of the educational facilities for their children.

Maulvi Abdul Wahab adds that the school is hoped to become a good source of Islamic light for all and sundry.

The institution is headed by Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Chaudhri.

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Pakistan High Commissioner in Ghana explained to a selected audience the position of Pakistan in connection with the situation in East Pakistan where Indian aggression has been blatant and outrageous.

His Excellency Mr A. Moid was the guest of Ahmadiyya Mission, Kumasi, who arranged a reception in his honour at the City Hotel. A large number of high ups in the city were among the invitees Mr Moid explained that the secessionists had been actively encouraged to try to break up Pakistan in order to undermine the efforts of Pakistan for the uplift of Islam and the Muslims all over the world. He further remarked that the enmity of India against Pakistan is indeed the result of her hatred for Islam.

His Excellency while at Kumasi, visited the Ahmadiyya Hospital at Asukure and laid the foundation stone of the Ahmadiyya Secondary School. The Paramount Chief held a Durbar in honour of the High Commissioner and presented him with a garment of kante cloth and a special chapal (shoe) in the traditional way.

Mr. Moid was also taken round the Ahmadiyya Higher Secondary School, Kumasi where he addressed the staff and the students and in a very lucid manner told them what education should mean.

He was kind enough to present sports items to the school, worth one thousand new cedes (the Ghanaian coin).

The Muslim World.

Mr Z. A. Bhutto has taken over as President and Chief Martial Law Administrator, from General Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan who has been

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retired as a General of the Army along with some other Generals.

Mr Bhutto had gone to the United States to address the United Nations on Indo Pak situation arising from war and the genocide that was being carried out by the so called Mukti Bahini who was fully under the control of the Indian Army. Mr Yahya Khan sent him a special message to hurry back home. On his arrival he was handed over power.

The present President and Martial Law Administrator has appointed a number of ministers, among them two are East Pakistanis.

Another East Pakistani is also expected to be included in the cabinet. The quick measures that the President of Pakistan has taken to change the set up of civil administration has made the hopes of the people rise high. He has without dout boosted the morale of the nation.

The setting up of a commission to probe into the causes of the defeat of the Army in East Pakistan and the unexpected cease fire in the West Pakistan has given assurance to the people that the wrongs will insha Allah, be righted and the nation will have cause to rejoice over the bright future.

The President has reiterated his confidence more than once that East Pakistan will be taken back from the Indian Militia and the time is not far when the East and West parts of Pakistan will be one again. Of course, his plans are to give the utmost autonomy to the provinces-the best way of keeping them together.

The new Governors of the provinces who have been appointed by President Bhutto have started touring extensively As represertatives of the people they have started meeting them earnestly in their own villages and towns. A great encouragement for the people indeed.

We wish every success to the new President and his adminstration and a most brilliant future for the nation.

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Therefore, if from the wordly viewpoint, in terms of the material aspect of things, circumstances can cause some anxious moments and we feel worried when we view the material angle but when turning our gaze from these elements we look to the heaven, we find there a flash of the love of God, the Overlord. When we shut our ears to the dreadful noises of the world, we hear in our ears the voice of God, the Most High, saying "Why should you lose heart? I am at hand. I am standing by you. Why should you feel despondent now?"

May Allah, the Magnificent, grant us the strength to do our duties! May He grant us by His own compassion dan grace and not by any of our deeds, admittance into the gates of His heavens, His love and His pleasure! Amen."

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to the prophecy of Jesus Christ someone was to appear to bring the deluded world to the right path, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad has been raised by God to do the work. Blessed are those who listen to him and believe in him and reform their lives. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, peace be on him, it should be mentioned here, was the Founder of the now world wide Ahmadiyya Movement with its branch in Nigeria registered as 'Nigeria Branch of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Qadian'.

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